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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7363**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1293

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 13, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Municipal Water Utility Bills.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Pierce

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows a municipally owned water utility to adjust a residential water bill if: (1) the bill reflects monthly water usage that is at least two times the customer's average monthly usage; and (2) the excess usage is caused by equipment damage that is not detectable on the premises and not caused by an act of the customer or customer's agent. It provides that a utility that elects to adjust water bills for undetectable leaks must do so according to policies adopted by the utility.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Municipally-owned water utilities are subject to the bill's provisions. The bill is not expected to have a significant impact on these utilities' revenues or expenditures.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Municipally-owned water utilities.

**Information Sources:**

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